

VOCABULARY (Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.)

reptile strictly binoculars limited survive

1. exactly; according to rules

The speed limit was _____ enforced.

2. a type of animal, such as a snake or lizard

The grass snake is a _____ that can be found in the UK.

3. an object that helps you see distant things clearly

I saw some amazing birds through my _____.

4. to continue to live after an accident, war, or illness

My father _____ a bad car accident.

5. not allowed to exceed a set number

The number of tickets on sale for fans was _____ to two thousand.

READING

(Read in chunks. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words above.)

Discovery Trips in the Blue Mountains

Trip 1 Black Bear Count

There have been fires / in this area / in the last few years, / and the Office of National Parks is not sure / how many black bears have 1_____. // Some bears have been seen / since the fires, / and the Office has asked for volunteers / to help count them. // The entire trip will last three hours. Bookings essential.

Cost: free When: May 8th

Trip 2 Garland Valley

Bring your 2_____ and lunch for this walk in a beautiful area of the Blue Mountains. Garland Valley is close to the town of Garland but is part of the National Park. Many wild animals live in this area, including many rare birds and 3_____. This is a great walk for bird-lovers. The trip lasts four hours. Bookings essential.

Cost: \$15 When: May 8th, May 15th

Trip 3 Flashlight Adventure

Put on your warm clothes, bring a flashlight and a pair of binoculars, and come for a night walk along the Dungog Valley. A guide will lead the tour. Many of the animals you will see on this trip can only be seen at night. The guide will tell you about the lives of the animals you see. Numbers are 4_____ 5_____ on night trips, so be sure to book early. This walk lasts two and a half hours.

Cost: \$12 When: May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd

READ & THINK (Answer the questions.)

1. Where are these trips?
 - a. In a large city
 - b. In a park in the mountains
 - c. In a special kind of zoo
 - d. In three different countries
2. On which trip might you see animals that sleep during the day?
 - a. Black Bear Count
 - b. Garland Valley
 - c. Flashlight Adventure
 - d. None of the trips
3. Which trip can people go on without making a reservation?
 - a. Black Bear Count
 - b. Garland Valley
 - c. Flashlight Adventure
 - d. None of the trips
4. If something is 'essential', it is _____.
 - a. needed
 - b. expensive
 - c. helpful
 - d. dangerous

SUMMARY (Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.)

area birds book flashlight trips

Blue Mountain Tours has three **1** _____ people can go on. On one trip, people can walk through a(n) **2** _____ where bears live. On another trip, people can see lots of **3** _____ and maybe some reptiles. The third trip is at night, so people need to bring a(n) **4** _____ with them. It is essential to **5** _____ all of these trips before going on them.